

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

Initially, the undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Teslovich for the courtesies extended during the personal interview of July 12, 2006.

The amendments in the present Amendment are being made pursuant to the July 12, 2006 interview with the Examiner and are believed to distinguish over the Radia reference which fails to teach analyzing information in a packet and then applying a selected rule to that same packet such that the packet is permitted to enter the network or alternatively is dropped in accordance with the selected rule. Radia fails to teach or suggest the feature of analyzing information in a packet and then using that information to filter that same packet.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

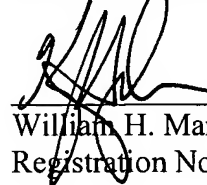
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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